

NEGERI SEMBILAN

Home of Ancient Traditions



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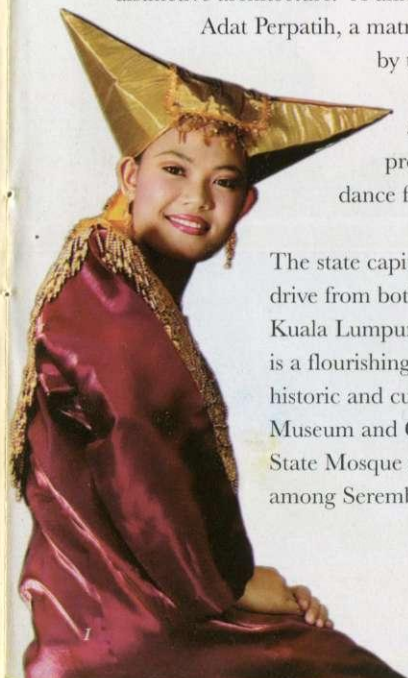
Negeri Sembilan, in the west of Peninsular Malaysia, is a small but interesting state with a rich culture and history. Translated literally as 'nine states', the state once consisted of nine districts, each ruled by a Malay chieftain.

Negeri Sembilan is often identified with the pervasive influence of the Minangkabau culture, reflected in the upswept roofs reminiscent of buffalo horns. Many of its traditional houses and modern state buildings are fine examples of this

distinctive architecture. A unique feature of the state is the Adat Perpatih, a matrilineal social system practised by the present-day descendants.

This system is evident in clan and marriage customs, property ownership and dance forms.

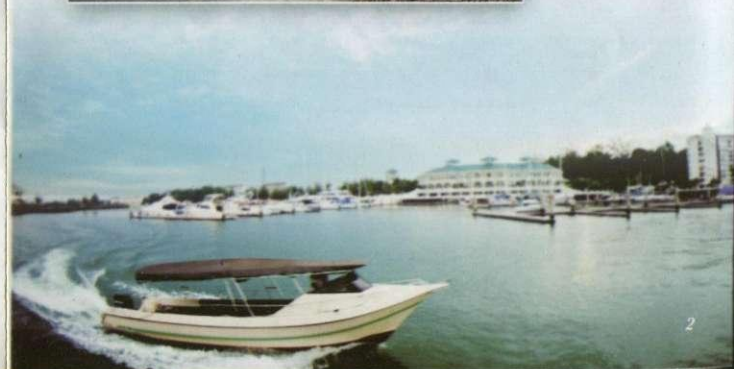
The state capital of Seremban, an hour's drive from both Kuala Lumpur and the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), is a flourishing urban centre with several historic and cultural landmarks. The State Museum and Cultural Handicraft Complex, State Mosque and the Lake Gardens are among Seremban's attractions.



The seaside resort of Port Dickson, washed by the gentle waters of the Straits of Malacca, is a popular destination for locals and foreigners alike.

Venturing into the Minangkabau heartland, one finds picturesque villages and quaint towns, the highlight being the royal enclave of Sri Menanti, the site of Malaysia's largest traditional timber palace. Elsewhere in Negeri Sembilan, encounters with nature await the adventurous amidst its verdant rainforests, rivers and waterfalls.

Come, visit this charming state and take home fond memories from this land of ancient traditions.



Map of Negeri Sembilan

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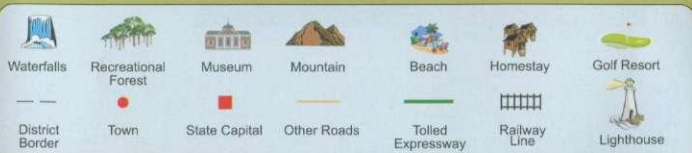
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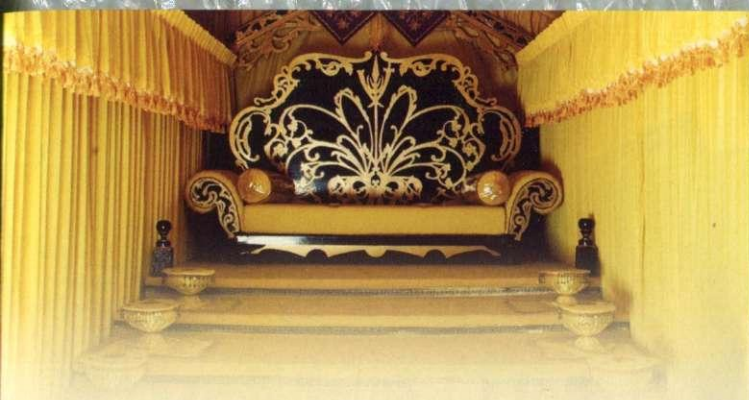
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Fascinating Heritage & Culture



Negeri Sembilan's distinct Minangkabau heritage and Adat Perpatih customs form the main ingredients of its captivating history and splendid traditions.



Sri Menanti Royal Museum

Tucked amidst green hills 50 km from Seremban, the charming royal town of Sri Menanti is the official residence of the State Ruler or Yang Di-Pertuan Besar as well as the site of the Sri Menanti Royal Museum.

This former palace, converted into the Royal Museum in 1992, is a classic showcase of Minangkabau architecture and design. Built at the turn of the century by two local craftsmen, the wooden

structure is an architectural wonder as no screws or nails were used in its construction. It incorporates 99 pillars, each soaring 65 feet, representing 99 warriors who served the palace.

Today, it is a repository of the regalia of the Negeri Sembilan Royal family, with exhibits such as costumes, ceremonial weaponry, bed chambers and documents on the Royal lineage.

Elsewhere, the pretty village setting reflects the dominant Minangkabau influence.



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Adat Museum

The Minangkabau *adat* or customs are evident in many aspects of community life in Negeri Sembilan. The Adat Museum in Rembau contains a fascinating array of cultural artefacts from handcrafted antiques to community heirlooms and headgear, including the distinctive buffalo horn shaped ladies'



headdress. Charts and explanations on the Adat Perpatih matrilineal system and history are also on display.

Take a visit around the historic town of Rembau for a glimpse of the local lifestyle.





Lukut Museum

Lukut, a historical town situated north of Port Dickson, is the site of the Lukut Museum and fort.



The museum gives an insight into Lukut's golden era as the capital of the tin trade.

Visitors can discover artefacts from the Nassau shipwreck, a Dutch East India battleship which sank off the coast of Port Dickson in 1606.

Further away, the ruins of the Lukut Fort, built in 1847 to protect the town's booming tin trade, is an interesting spot for history buffs. Other attractions here include the legendary 'poisoned well', purportedly used to punish criminals in the ancient days.



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House of Pendita Za'ba

Also known as Teratak Za'ba, this historic house chronicles the life and times of Za'ba or Tan Sri Zainal Abidin Bin Ahmad, an icon of Malay literature and thinking who made many contributions in the economic, political and social fields. He was recognised as Pendita Za'ba or learned man.



Located in Kg. Bukit Kerdas, about 2 km from Batu Kikir en route to Bahau, this house is a well-preserved example of traditional Negeri Sembilan architecture, with its raised stilts and long up-ended roofs.



Traditional Music

Enjoy the melody of the state's traditional musical performances. The *Caklempong* or *Taklempong* is an ensemble of gong-like instruments or *bonang*. Its music usually accompanies traditional dances, wedding ceremonies and cultural events.



Traditional Attire

The traditional costume of Negeri Sembilan is a prominent feature of the local culture. The resplendent attire of the women consist of an exquisitely embroidered headdress shaped like a buffalo horn and an elaborate velvet shoulder cover displaying intricate needlework. Men wear a jacket adorned with gold thread embroidery, woven *samping* or waist cloth and fashioned *tanjak* or headgear.



Wet World Pedas Spring

The Wet World Springs, about a 40-minute drive from Seremban, is a retreat for those who prefer privacy. Its two open-air pools are popular with children alike. Guests prefer private bathtubs with hot and soothing water. Attractions include an underwater footpath, two pools and water splashing fun.

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Sepak Raga

This traditional ball game is also known as *sepak takraw*. A ball made of woven strips of bamboo or rattan is kept aloft with any part of the body except the hands. The original form is *sepak raga bulatan*, where several players in a circle attempt to keep the ball up as long as possible. *Sepak raga jaring*, the modern version, is played in international competitions and consists of two opposing teams playing on a net court.

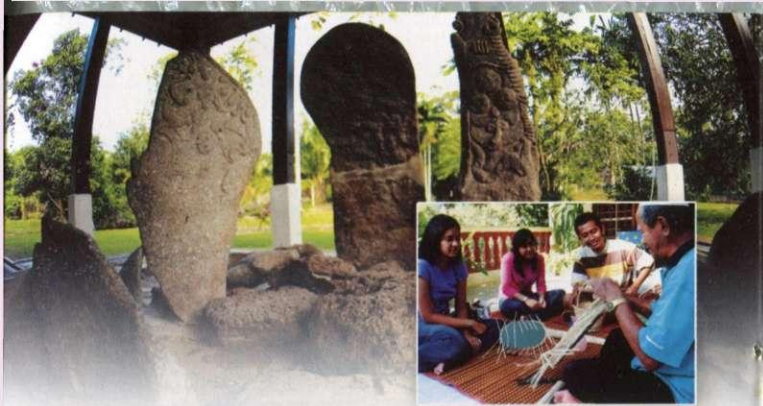
Sepak raga is a popular pastime among village youths. Enjoy a round of this game for a memorable experience.



Silat

Silat, or the traditional Malay art of self-defence resembles an intricate warrior dance. This ancient martial art was used in hand-to-hand combat and involves elaborate hand and body movements. Watch this fascinating art during cultural events, weddings or competitions.





Pengkalan Kempas Historical Complex

Situated 35 km from Port Dickson, this complex houses the tomb of a renowned missionary from Sumatra, Sheikh Ahmad Majnun, topped by a hollow stone with Arabic inscriptions.

An interesting feature here is the mysterious stone megaliths, referred to as *batu hidup* or living rocks, believed by the villagers to grow or move on their own.

Homestays

Participate in a homestay programme to experience the local lifestyle. Watch interesting cottage industries such as traditional sugar-making, handicraft weaving or learn the art of rubber-tapping. Try your hand at indoor games like *congkak* or participate in a colourful local dance.

Homestays in Negeri Sembilan can be enjoyed at Kg. Pelegong, Kg. Sungai Lonek, Kg. Serting, Kg. Sri Menanti and Kg. Kuala Kelawang.

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Nature Beckons



Negeri Sembilan's pristine jungles, hills and rivers provide ideal settings for outdoor activities such as jungle trekking, camping, four-wheel drive excursions and other exhilarating adventures.

Its recreational forests and waterfalls are popular spots for quiet picnics and enjoyable family outings.



Lata Kijang Waterfalls

Lata Kijang, nestled within the Kenaboi Forest Reserve in Jelevu, is one of the highest single drop waterfalls in Malaysia. Situated deep in the jungle, it is accessible by four-wheel drive from the Jelevu main road.

The two-hour trip through rugged terrain, traversing *Orang Asli* or aboriginal settlements and a plethora of wild plants, rewards visitors with the breathtaking sight of this waterfall.



Within the forest reserve is Gunung Antu Besar, the highest peak in Negeri Sembilan at 1462 metres. Adventure-seekers can set out to explore the stunning Jeram Berungut canyon. The diverse species of birds as well as the rare Raja Brooke Birdwing butterfly are other delightful attractions here.



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For overnight trips, camping or homestays can be arranged. Jelebu is located about 49 km from Seremban. For jungle excursions or four-wheel drive expeditions, prior arrangements must be made through tour agencies or the state forestry department.



Contact:

Lata Kijang Adventure Camp
012-359 7174



Map of Seremban

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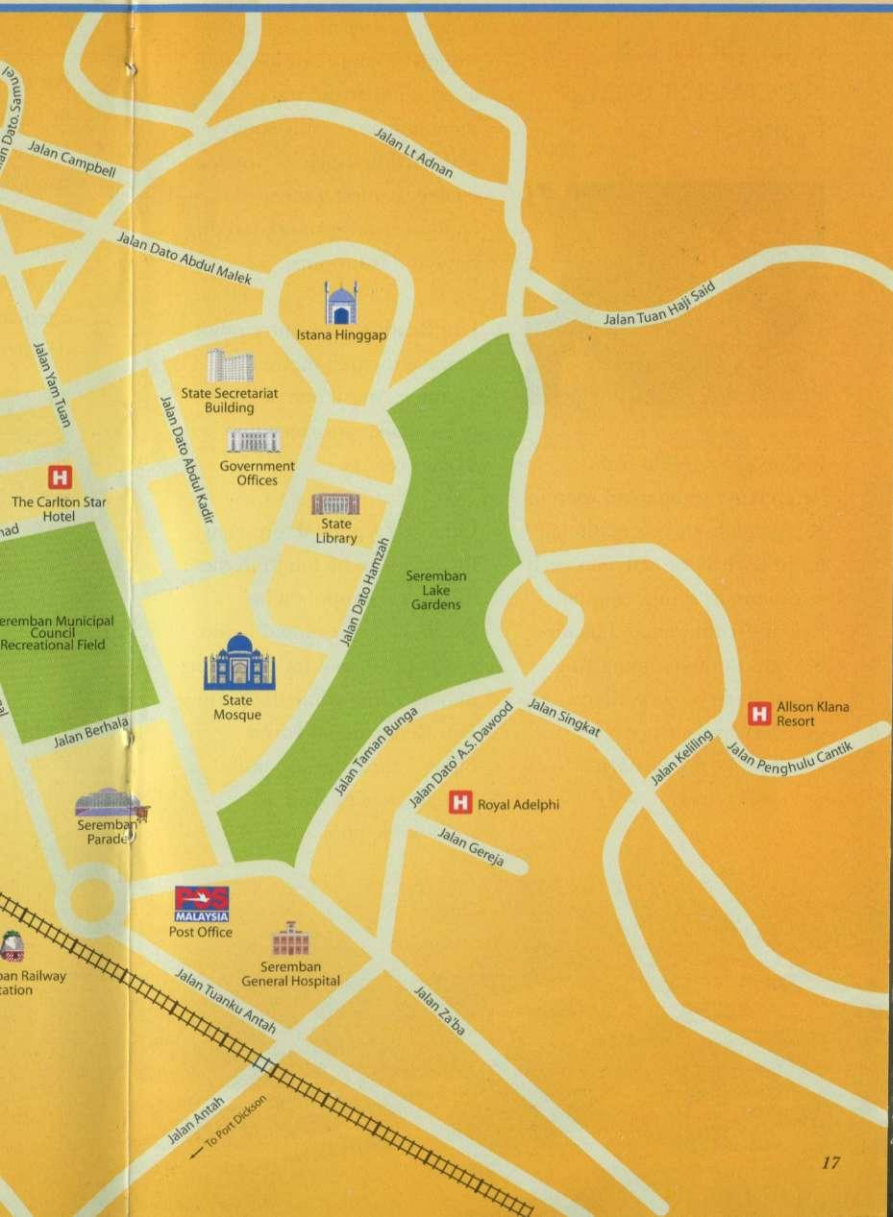



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Ulu Bendul Recreational Forest



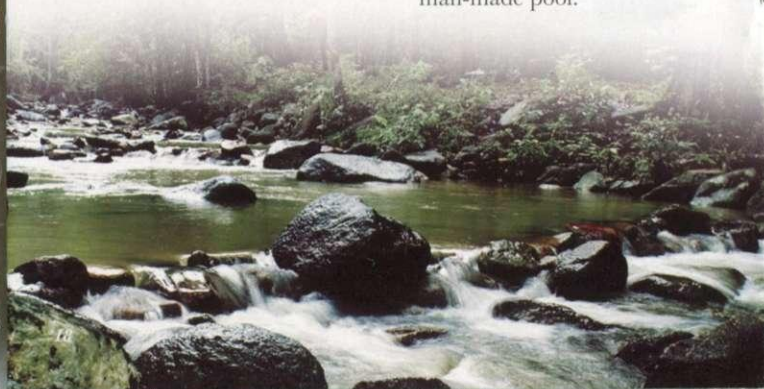
Located just 16 km from Seremban on the main road to Kuala Pilah, this recreational forest is ideal for activities such as mountain climbing, jungle trekking, camping and picnics. Set amidst the Gunung Angsi Forest Reserve, its verdant greenery and clear river water make it a favourite weekend retreat.

Enjoy a refreshing dip in the stream or camp out to spend a night under the stars. This recreational forest is equipped with facilities such as wooden chalets, camping sites, children's playground, parking bays and restrooms.

Ulu Bendul is the entry point to scale the 825-metre high Gunung Angsi, one of the most challenging terrains in the country.

Other recreational forests in the state can be found in the district of Jempol. The De Bana Recreational Forest is a popular spot for rappelling and abseiling while the Serting Ulu Recreational Forest offers a thrilling suspension bridge crossing over a man-made pool.

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Refreshing Recreation



From beachcombing to sailing and golfing, Negeri Sembilan
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visitors of all ages.

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-  Hotel/Resort
-  Yacht Club
-  Beach
-  Lighthouse

Map of Port Dickson



Port Dickson

The coastal resort of Port Dickson or PD is a popular weekend retreat on Peninsular Malaysia's southwestern coast. Situated about an hour's drive from Seremban, Port Dickson has one of the longest beaches in Malaysia, offering holidaymakers ample room to frolic under the sun. Its sunny beaches, lined by tall coconut trees and shady casuarinas, are lapped by the gentle waters of the Straits of Malacca.

There are numerous locations here for family outings and picnics. Its famous beaches, Teluk Kemang and Blue Lagoon, abound with water sports and other beach

activities. Enjoy parasailing, canoeing, yachting or speed boat rides.

The Port Dickson Fest and the International Port Dickson Ironman Triathlon are two exciting annual events held here.



Holidaymakers have a wide choice of accommodation ranging from luxurious resorts to moderately priced apartments and private bungalows.



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Relaxing spa facilities offering traditional massages and herbal treatments are available in the larger resorts. Take in the beautiful sight of the sun setting against the Straits of Malacca while enjoying a sumptuous seafood fare.



For yachters, the Admiral Marina and Leisure Club, as well as the Royal Port Dickson Yacht Club offer extensive facilities.

Close to Blue Lagoon is the Tanjung Tuan Lighthouse, a vantage point to enjoy breathtaking views of the coastline. Rebuilt in 1860 at Cape Rachado after the original was damaged by war, the forest here is a sanctuary for migratory birds as well as wild monkeys. Tanjung Tuan is also the venue of the annual Raptor Watch.

The Kuala Lukut Kelong or fishing platform just north of Port Dickson, is a favourite spot for angling.

Visitors should not miss a trip to the Armed Forces Museum, which showcases the history of Malaysia through dioramas and state-of-the-art interactive displays.





Ostrich Farms

Drop by the Jelita Ostrich Farm in Seremban or the PD Ostrich Farm in Port Dickson to take a close look at these huge birds. Enjoy feeding the ostriches or watch other animals such as turkeys, rabbits and horses. Various products and souvenirs made from ostriches are available.



Eagle Ranch Resort Sports Paradise

Situated in Port Dickson, this retreat resembles a cowboy ranch and offers a variety of fun-filled activities. Enjoy horse riding and archery, or opt for thrills such as go-karting, canoeing and rafting.

Families and corporate groups can enjoy the novelty of staying in its log cabins or Red Indian styled tepee tents. A range of outdoor teambuilding activities can be arranged.



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Wet World Pedas Hot Springs

The Wet World Pedas Hot Springs, about 15 km or a 40-minute drive from Seremban, is a delightful retreat for the whole family. Its two open-air pools are popular with adults and children alike. For those who prefer privacy, the private bathtubs will be a relaxing and soothing experience. Attractions such as the underwater reflexology footpath, twin slides, wave pool and wading pool provide splashing fun for all.

Golfing

Among the international-standard golf courses in the state are Nilai Springs Golf & Country Club, located in a tranquil country setting between Kuala Lumpur and Seremban. Stafffield Country Resort, about 45 minutes' drive from Kuala Lumpur, ranks among the best greens in the country while Tuanku Jaafar Golf & Country Club along the Seremban-Tampin trunk road poses a unique challenge with its more than 90 sand traps. All these courses are 36-hole plays. Other golf courses include seaside greens and a royal course at Sri Menanti.





M.I.C.E. Facilities

Meetings, Incentives, Conventions
and Exhibitions

Negeri Sembilan offers the perfect setting for incentive holiday programmes. Its proximity to Kuala Lumpur and its excellent recreational and accommodation facilities

provide the ingredients for successful MICE events. Seremban and Port Dickson are the main venues for local and international MICE activities.

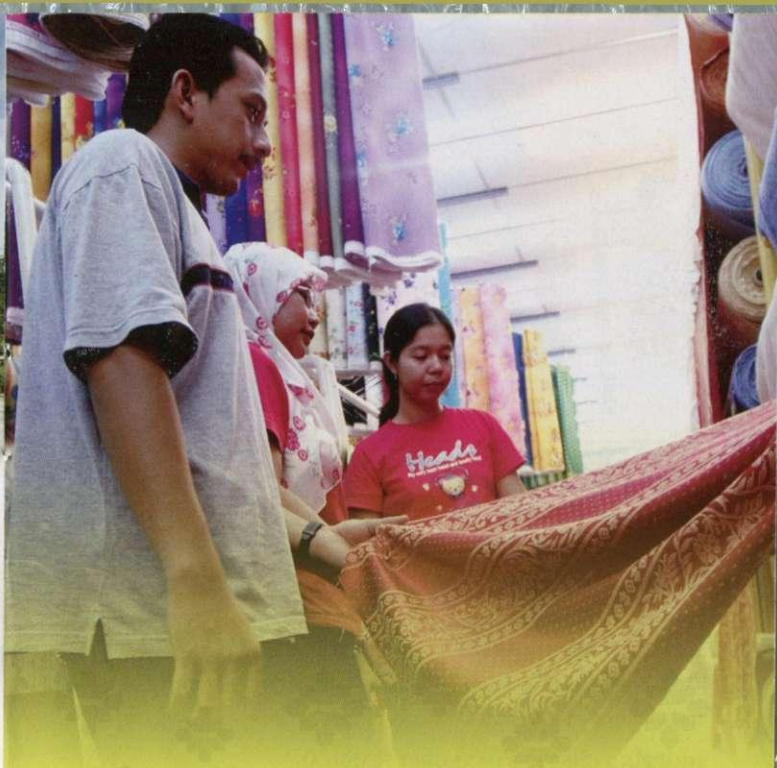


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Shopping & Dining



Negeri Sembilan offers a delightful experience for shopping and dining. Take your pick from air-conditioned shopping malls or open-air markets selling handcrafted items. Dining out at the local restaurants provides a choice of delicious local dishes as well as Western fare.



Shopping

Negeri Sembilan has several shopping spots, from air-conditioned malls in Seremban to open-air night markets. For those seeking handicrafts, the State Museum and Cultural Handicraft

Complex is a good place to start looking. Elsewhere in Nilai, situated between Kuala Lumpur and Seremban, visitors can enjoy exciting bargains for a bewildering assortment of goods.

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UDA Mall
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Seremban Parade
Tel: 06-7648282

Terminal One Shopping Complex
Tel: 06- 7640927

Seremban Centre Point
Tel: 06-76428888

Senawang Land
Tel: 06-6781118

Nilai Square
Tel: 06-8501888

The Store Seremban
Tel: 06-7626280

Upwell Shopping Centre
Tel: 06- 4546380

Nilai 3 Wholesale Centre
Tel: 06-7993883

Giant Hypermarket
Tel: 06-6789879

Jusco Seremban 2 Shopping Centre
Tel: 06 - 6015624

Oceanic Mall Port Dickson
Tel: 06- 6479331

Dining

Traditional Minangkabau or Minang food is characterised by its searingly hot and spicy dishes. Rembau is reputed to be one of the best places to savour authentic local cuisine. Another traditional Malay favourite is *lemang*, or glutinous rice cooked

in bamboo tubes over an open wood fire and eaten with *rendang*, a curried meat dish. Negeri Sembilan boasts its own variety of *satay*, Malaysia's signature dish. There is a wide choice of food and dining settings in the state from international cuisine at beach or golf resorts to open-air food courts.

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ACCOMMODATION

From luxury resorts to modest family-run inns or even homestays, Negeri Sembilan offers visitors accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets. Major hotels and resorts can be found in Seremban and Port Dickson while smaller towns offer basic accommodation.

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GETTING THERE

Travelling to Negeri Sembilan is convenient as an excellent network of roads connects it to the rest of the country. The state is also located on the main railway grid.

By Road

Seremban is situated about 60 km south of Kuala Lumpur on the North-South Expressway and 40 km from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) in Sepang. Taxis, buses and car rental services are available from the airport to designated destinations in Negeri Sembilan. There are regular air-conditioned coach services from the main Puduraya Bus Terminal in Kuala Lumpur to Seremban.

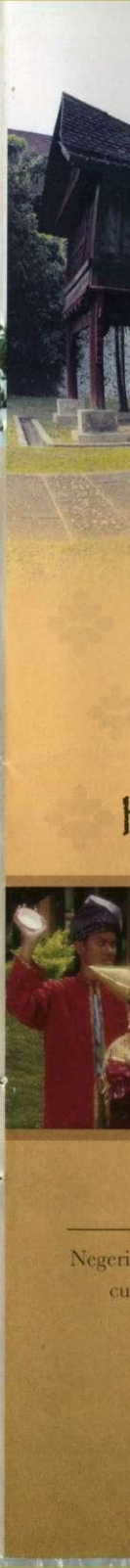
Port Dickson is located along the coastal road about an hour's drive from Seremban.

By Rail

The KTM Komuter operates daily train services from the KL Sentral Station in Kuala Lumpur to Seremban and the smaller towns of Nilai, Batang Benar, Labu and Tirol at frequent intervals. Travelling time to Seremban is approximately one hour.

Getting Around

Those who prefer self-drive will be rewarded with rustic scenes of villages, plantations and lush greenery. Bus services are available from the Terminal One Bus Station in Seremban to towns such as Kuala Pilah, Kuala Kelawang, Port Dickson, Nilai and Tampin.



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The Federation of Malaysia comprises Peninsular Malaysia and the states of Sabah and Sarawak in Borneo.

Geographical Location

Located between 2° and 7° north of the Equator, Peninsular Malaysia is separated from the states of Sabah and Sarawak by the South China Sea. To the north of Peninsular Malaysia is Thailand while its southern neighbour is Singapore. Sabah and Sarawak are bordered by Indonesia while Sarawak also shares a border with Brunei Darussalam.

Language

Bahasa Melayu (Malay) is the national language but English is widely spoken. The ethnic groups also speak various languages and dialects.

Religion

Islam is the official religion but all other religions are practised freely.

Climate

Tropical climate with warm weather all year round. Temperatures range from 21°C to 32°C. Annual rainfall varies from 2,000mm to 2,500mm.

Currency

The unit of currency is the Malaysian Ringgit indicated as RM. Foreign currency can be converted at banks and money changers.

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